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1. In Kwangtung there is a shortage of rice for civilian use, mainly because of large rice shipments by the Kwangtung authorities to Democratic Republic of Vietnam troops in Indochina and to 250,000 Chinese Communist troops in south-west Kwangtung, southern Kwangsi and Yunnan.
2. Because of this shortage, in large cities such as Canton, Hsinhui (113-06, 22-34), and T'aishan (112-48, 22-15) the black market price of one picul of rice is JMP 175,000, although the official price is JMP 150,000.

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